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MOTION OF THANKS

ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATES TO THE 38th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES, MOVED BY PROFESSOR EMERITUS DR. HARNAM SINGH SHAN AT ITS CLOSING CEREMONY HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2007, AT THE SAKARYA CONVENTION CENTER, ANKARA, TÜRKİYE.

It is a matter of great pleasure and privilege for me to move this motion of thanks on behalf of my fellow-delegates to the 38th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies at its Closing Ceremony, being held today in this splendid edifice of the historic and beautiful city of Ankara.

We are grateful to the most Honourable Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN, Premier Minister of Türkiye, for his having been Patron of this memorable session of this great forum of the learned from the East and the West.

We are highly thankful to Prof. Dr. Beşir ATALAY (State Minister) and Ertuğrul GÜNAY, Minister of Culture, not only for their inspiring inaugural speeches at the Opening Ceremony but also for the very pleasant welcome reception that followed soon after.

We are equally grateful to the worthy and highly learned Prof. Dr. Sadık TURAL, President, Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History as well as the President of this Congress, for having hosted this Session, the 38th International Congress, organized it so exquisitely, made our stay very comfortable and our deliberations very beneficial.

We are no less obliged to Prof. Dr. Zeki Cemil ARDA, Prof. Dr. Tuncer BAYKARA, Prof. Dr. Ahmet BURAN and Mr. Zeki DILEK, the vice chairman and all his colleagues whose competence, efficiency and large-heartedness have gone a long way in seeing it through so creditably.

Our cordial thanks are also very much due to Professor Dr. Mustafa AKBULUT, its highly esteemed Secretary-General, as well as to Prof. Dr. Esat ARSLAN and Dr. Asli TARAKCIOGLU who have left no stone unturned in making it a great success and a memorable occasion for all of us.

We are also thankful to the learned, eminent and respected members of the Organizing Committee, Program Committee and various other Committees whose wise counsel and active co-operation have resulted into such a magnificent achievement.

We are equally obliged to the good will and generosity of its sponsoring and collaborating institutions as well as to the very generous hosts of sumptuous dinners (viz. the Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Assembly, Minister of Culture and the Mayor of Keçiören) as well as to the readily available help and hospitality offered by its very active and well-knit Secretariat led by Madama Banu Karababa TASKIN and Reside GURSES.

We are also thankful to all others who have in any way contributed to the organization and successful conclusion of this great international meeting of well-known scholars who have kindly gathered here this week from almost all over the world.

Hence, we leave today with very pleasant memories and a deep sense of gratitude for the Lord's bounteous grace; and are looking forward to seeing one another again, next at the 39th ICANAS in the year 2010.

Concluding and presenting this motion by praying with folded hands, I submit:

May the Lord bless you, all of you, more, much more, still more!

